

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY**

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; to help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, there are an estimated 800,000 children missing in the United States, and

WHEREAS, approximately 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions; and

WHEREAS, May 25, 2013 is a day and time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families for a safe and quick return.

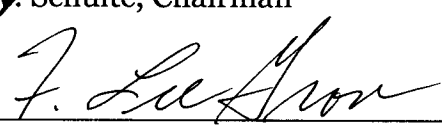
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in partnership with National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and its collaborative organizations, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners proclaims May 25, 2013 as National Missing Children's Day in Lewis County. To further mark this date and facilitate the important message of children's Safety, a press conference will take place May 22nd, 2013 at 1:30 pm at Stan Hedwall Park in Chehalis.

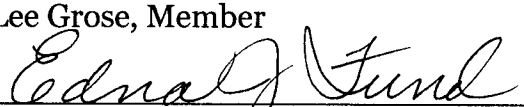
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lewis County urges the participation of local governments, law enforcement and communities in the protection and education about child abduction and sexual exploitation, and in ways to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION this 20th day of May, 2013.

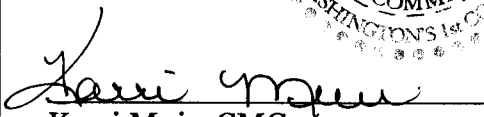
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